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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: 80TH PLENARY MEETING, 3/12/76

11:00 AM ROUND VI - TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 121

1. SUMMARY: PLENARY DISCUSSION DEVOTED TO COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS BY USDEL ON SOVIET DRAFT PROTOCOL IN US FORMAT HANDED OVER MARCH 11. US SAID GENERAL FORMAL ACCEPTABLE AND THAT DETAILED COMMENTS ON SUBSTANCE AND SPECIFIC TEXT WOULD BE PROVIDED MONDAY. END SUMMARY.

2. BUCHHEIM SAID FORMAT OF SOVIET DRAFT PROTOCOL PROVIDED MARCH 11 GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO US SIDE. US REVIEWED SOVIET TEXT POINTING OUT THOSE AREAS WHERE DIFFERENCES HAD APPEARED FROM PREVIOUS SOVIET POSITIONS AND ASKING QUESTIONS DESIGNED TO CLARIFY TEXT. MARTIN NOTED GENERAL FORMAT VERY SIMILAR TO US DRAFT PROTOCOL AND COMMENTED ON FOLLOWING SPECIFIC CHANGES IN SOVIET POSITION:

(A) ACCEPTANCE OF US PARA REGARDING PROVISION OF TOPOGRAPHIC MAP BUT WITH WORD "PLAN," BUT NOTED SOVIET TEXT OMITTED WORKS "EXPRESSED IN LOCAL COORDINATED" AND REFERRAL ONLY TO 10 KM RADIUS AREA. US WILL STUDY AND PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE TEXT:

(B) SOVS DELETED REFERENCE TO AERIAL STEREO

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PHOTOS. TIMERBAEV SAID THAT IT WAS CONDITION OF SOV

ACCEPTANCE OF TOPOGRAPHIC PLANS SUBPARA.

(C) SOVIET TEXT STILL RETAINS CONCEPT THAT FOR THE CASE OF EXPLOSIONS BETWEEN 100 AND 150 KT, HOST RETAINS RIGHTS TO INVITE OBSERVERS AT ITS OPTION.

(D) SOV TEXT FOR PARA 4 OF US ARTICLE VIII REGARDING POST-SHOT RETENTION OF EQUIPMENT BY HOST HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO DELETE REFERENCE TO "COMPONENTS USED FOR RECORDING" AND SUBSTITUTING "THIS EQUIPMENT" WHICH TIMERBAEV SAID WAS MEANT TO MEAN THE ENTIRE SET OF EQUIPMENT USED IN CONNECTION WITH EXPLOSION. SOVS SAID THAT THEY WOULD ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE.

(E) SOVE ACCEPTED US TEXT FOR LOCATIONS AND TIMES OF PRESENCE OF OBSERVERS FOR EXPLOSIONS BETWEEN 100 AND 150 KT EXCEPT THAT THEY PROVIDE FOR OBSERVERS STAYING 2 DAYS AFTER COMPLETION OF CONFIRMATION OF GEOLOGY INSTEAD OF 4 DAYS AS IN US TEXT.

(F) WHEN ASKED TO ELABORATE ON INTENDED MEANING OF NEW PARA ON EXPENSES, TIMERBAEV SAID IT IS SUPPOSED TO COVER COSTS OF FOOD, LIVING QUARTERS, TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED TO OBSERVERS (INCLUDING TOKEN RENT ON EQUIPMENT DRAWN FROM HOST), BUT NOT TO INCLUDE SUCH THINGS AS DRILLING OF EXPLORATORY HOLES.

(G) SOVS DELETED REFERENCES TO INSTRUMENT HOLE IN ARTICLE XI US TEXT.

(H) U.S. SIDE SAID SUBJECT SOVIET PARA ON VERIFICATION OF "EXCEPTIONS" WOULD BE DISCUSSED BY HEADS OF DELEGATION IN RESTRICTED MEETING 12 MARCH.

3. ASK MRS. LEJINS (632-1528) TO CALL MRS. A. TUNIK 638-2970, TO INFORM OF ARRIVAL OF GALINA TUNIK, SUNDAY, 14 MARCH, AT 1410 HOURS AT DULLES AIRPORT, PN PAA 107.

4. DELEGATION COMMENT: MYASNIKOV HAS BEEN ABSENT DURING LONG PERIODS OF ROUND VI, BEING PRESENT ONLY ON FEB 3,
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FEB 12 AND FEB 16. BEZUMOV HAS BEEN PRESENT AT ABOUT EVERY MEETING, BUT HAS BEEN ABSENT FROM LAST TWO MEETINGS. NOVIKOV HAS BEEN ABSENT FROM ALL MEETINGS UP UNTIL MAR 11 AND MAR 12. END DELEGATION COMMENT.

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